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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of 5/25/04 the following amendment in the above-identified application is respectfully submitted:

In the Specification:

With respect to the two contiguous paragraphs beginning at page 4, line 25 and ending at page 5 line 22:

--The cargo anchor 30, of which preferably at least two are used, one on each of the opposing top panels 16, comprises a cover plate 32 having a peripheral edge 34 extensive for covering the panel aperture 22, and an anchor bar 36 for securing line 5. The cargo anchor 30 further provides a locator plate 50. The cover plate 32 and the locator plate 50 are mutually engaged by a means for fastening 40, such as the screws shown in Figs. 2, 4, 5 and 7 which are extensive between the cover 32 and locator 50 plates. The locator plate 50 provides, as described below, a means for engagement with the flange tube 20, so as to limit movement of the cargo anchor 30, such that a space (not shown) between the panel aperture 22 and the peripheral edge 34 of the cover plate ~~30~~ 32 cannot occur, as this would be unsightly and allow water to drip through the top panel 16. In other words, the cover plate 32 must, at all times, completely cover the panel aperture 22. Since the cargo anchor 30 must be free to move to a certain extent within the ~~peripheral~~ flange tube 20, without steps taken in the design of the locator plate 50 and its relationship with ~~peripheral~~ flange tube 20 ~~30~~, such an unsightly space might appear.

The engagement means in the locator plate 50, as mentioned above, includes opposing upturned lips 52 which are positioned for engagement on opposing sides of the flange